
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs
Administration****[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 9] - 10****Notice of Extension of Existing
Information Collection Comments****AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs
Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and
Special Programs Administration's
(RSPA) is publishing its intention to
renew an existing information collection
in support of the Office of Pipeline
Safety (OPS) for Management
Information System (MIS) Standardized
Data Collection and Reporting of Drug
Testing Materials. The purpose of this
notice is to allow the public 60 days
from the date of this notice to send in
their comments.RSPA believes that its drug testing
requirements are an important tool for
operators to monitor drug usage in the
industry. RSPA has found that drug usein the pipeline industry is less than one
percent of all covered employees.**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be
received by December 21, 1999 to be
assured of consideration.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should identify
the docket number of this notice, RSPA-
98-4957, and be mailed to the Dockets
Facility, U.S. Department of
Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh
Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
You should submit the original and one
copy. If you wish to receive
confirmation of receipt of your
comments, you must include a stamped,
self-addressed postcard. The Dockets
facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Monday through Friday, except on
Federal holidays. In addition, the public
may also submit or review comments by
accessing the Docket Management
System's home page at [http://
dms.dot.gov](http://dms.dot.gov).**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety,
Research and Special Programs
Administration, Department of
Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205
or by electronic mail at
marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Management Information
System (MIS) Standardized Data
Collection and Reporting of Drug
Testing Materials.*OMB Number:* 2137-0579.*Type of Request:* Extension of an
existing information collection.*Abstract:* Drug abuse is a major
societal problem and it is reasonable to
assume the problem exists in the
pipeline industry as it does in society as
a whole. The potential harmful effect of
drug abuse on safe pipeline operations
warrants imposing comprehensive drug
testing regulations on the pipeline
industry. These rules are found in 49
CFR part 199. These regulations require
annual information collection of the
results of the drug testing program.*Estimate of Burden:* The average
burden hours per response is
approximately 6 hours.*Respondents:* Pipeline operators.*Estimated Number of Respondents:*
2,149.*Estimated Number of Responses per
Respondent:* 1.*Estimated Total Annual Burden on
Respondents:* 12,809 hours.Copies of this information collection
can be reviewed at the Dockets Facility,
Plaza 401, U.S. Department of
Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20590 from 9 a.m. to 5
p.m., Monday through Friday except
Federal holidays. They also can be

viewed over the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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